Harijan Hostels.

120. MR. N. DANIEL JOSE (*Neyyattinkara III—S. I. U. C.*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for the Protection of Backward Communities be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Harijan Hostels in the State;

(*b*) the number of students accommodated there; and

(*c*) whether there is any reason for not lodging them in hostels along with students belonging to other communities?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: (*a*) There are 6 departmental Harijan Hostels.

(*b*) 171.

(*c*) Yes.

Sub Assistant Surgeons.

121. MR. S. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Trivandrum I—General*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Medical be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the salary of Sub Assistant Surgeons in the State;

(*b*) what is the minimum qualifications necessary for recruitment as Sub Assistant Surgeons;

(*c*) are they recruited on qualification and efficiency basis or on communal considerations;

(*d*) how many applications there were for the post of Sub Assistant Surgeons during the last five years with their respective castes and qualifications;

(*e*) who were all appointed and what were their qualifications;

(*f*) have the Government received any representation from Sub Assistant Surgeons for raising the salary of Sub Assistant Surgeons; and

(*g*) what action have the Government taken in the matter?

HON'BLE MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: (*a*) There is no such cadre as Sub Assistant Surgeons in the Medical Department now. The Sub Assistant Surgeons have been redesignated as Assistant Surgeons, III Grade, scale of pay is Rs. 80-5-125.

(*b*) Licentiate Medical Practitioner or Diploma Holder of a recognised Medical School will be recruited as III Grade Assistant Surgeon.

(*c*) Recruitment is made according to the Public Service Recruitment Rules.

(*d*) and (*e*) 38. *A statement containing the information is placed on the table.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) In view of the answer to part (a) this does not arise.

Information Department.

122. MR. S. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Information and Broad-casting be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Public servants in the Information department; and

*Vide Appendix C.

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